GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

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ACQUISITION OF LAND IN BARAMULLA
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the area of land acquired in Baramulla district by the Government for defence purposes during the last three years; and

(b) whether it is a fact that no compensation or rent has been paid for this land;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (d): During the last three years, on receipt of awards from the Collector, Government sanction was issued in March 2000 for payment of compensation of Rs. 5,33,64,107/- for acquisition of 1227 Kanals and 141/2 Marlas of land and cost of structures and trees on the said land, in four villages in District Baramulla. Out of the above amount, a sum of Rs. 2,10,05,071/- had been deposited with Deputy Commissioner, Baramulla, in March 1993, as `on account` payment. The remaining amount of Rs. 3,23,59,036/- was also deposited with Deputy Commissioner, Baramulla on 31.3.2000 for disbursement to ex-land owners. Thus the acquisition cost of the land was deposited in full by the Ministry of Defence in 1993 and 2000. Thereafter, disbursements were to be made by the Deputy Commissioner.

However, against the compensation sanctioned by Ministry of Defence, some ex land owners had sought appointment of Arbitrator and the State Government has appointed District and Session Judge Baramulla as Arbitrator for determination of compensation. Arbitration award is awaited.